resulted in delay in release of grants-in-aid.

(e) Government has been advising the Management Committees to submit the requisite documents in time.

[*Translation*]

Regularisation of Encroachments of Forests Land

3444. SHRI ARVIND NETAM:
SHRI CHANDUBHAI DESHMUKH:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any proposal from the State Government for taking a policy decision in regard to the regularisation of encroachments of forest area upto 24. 10. 1980;

(b) if so, the details thereof?

(c) whether the Union Government now propose not to accord its approval to the regularisation of encroachments of forests by tribals ignoring its circular dated 18. 9.1990; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL; NATH): (a) and (b) . Yes, Sir. The policy decision has been taken on 18. 9.1990.

(c) No, Sir.

(d). Does not arise.

[*English*]

Grant of Mining Leases

3445. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE:
SHRI BIJOY KRISHNA HANDIQUE:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court's interlocutory order regarding ban on mining activity in Sariska Sanctuary with effect from December 31, 1991 has been implemented;

(b) whether Government contemplate to asses the extent of damages done to Sariska Sanctuary, Aravalli Hills ecology in particular and to the other part of Rajasthan in general;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government also propose to revise its policy of granting mining leases in areas sensitive to environmental degradation;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) The Supreme Court had issued an interlocutory direction that no mining operation of whatever nature should be carried on with in the Sariska Tiger Reserve. The Supreme Court had also appointed a Committee, with the responsibility, inter alia, of ensuring the enforcement of the orders of the Court. A situation report submitted to the Supreme Court by the above committee is under consideration of the Supreme Court.

(b) and (c). (i) The Supreme Court had directed the Committee referred to in reply to part (a) of the question as above, wildwife by to asses the environment, ecology and the mining activity carried on in the Sariska

demage done to the Tiger Reserve.

(ii) Government of India, after assessing the considerable adverse environmental impact that has been caused to certain areas of the Aravalli Range on account of inappropriate developmental processes and operations including mining, have issued a preliminary notification under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, prohibiting the carrying out of such activities except with their prior permission.

(d) & (e). Government of India have issued another preliminary notification under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 prohibiting, inter alia, expansion or modernisation of any existing or new mining projects, except with the prior approval of the concerned State Government /Central Government. However, for such a project to be located near an environmentally sensitive area, the approval of the Government of India will be required.

(f) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Scheme for Conservation of Forests in Mathura and Agra

3446. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme under consideration of the Government to save the Taj from storm and dust by way of conservation of forests in Mathura and Agra and growing more trees therein;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether help from any source has been sought in this connection; and

(d) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b). The creation of a green belt around the Taj has been undertaken by the Uttar Pradesh Forest Department. Trees have been planted along the roads, canal banks, railway tricks and other available Government lands. About 1224 hectares of land has been covered.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Ophthalmic Hospital

3447. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a ophthalmic hospital in collaboration with Russia; and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the special facilities likely to be provided therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Representation from students of Jamia Millia University

3448. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any representations from the students or members of the staff of the Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, demanding amend-